

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has kindly acknowledged the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, as well as receipt of the certified copy of priority document.

The Examiner has returned an initialed copy of the PTO Form SB/08 indicating that he has considered the references listed thereon.

The Examiner has indicated that the present application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, as discussed in more detail below. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

The Examiner has required a new title which is more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, the title has been amended to read:

--RECORDING MEDIUM CARTRIDGE HAVING CARTRIDGE MEMORY WITH FRAGILE PORTION--.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner maintains that the fragile portion being formed at approximately the center of a longitudinal direction of the cartridge memory along a lateral direction as set forth in dependent claim 5 (see also dependent claims 11 and 13 for the same subject matter) must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. The Examiner cautions that no new matter should be entered.

Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith new Figs. 2A and 2B showing the subject matter of this further embodiment (see page 5, lines 6-14 of the specification).

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-18 because in claim 1, lines 5-7, the language is awkward. The Examiner suggests deleting "the other side of" in lines 5 and 6 and appearing before "one of said two halves". Accordingly, the Applicant has implemented the Examiner's suggestion and simply deleted "the other side of" appearing in lines 5 and 6 of claim 1.

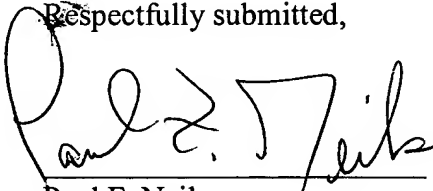
Further, Applicant has reviewed the specification and made the editorial corrections.

Presumably, the present application is in form for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul F. Neils", written over a horizontal line.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached two sheets of drawings include the following changes:

1. Figs. 1A and 1B:

Clearer Figures

2. Figs. 2A and 2B:

New Figures

Attachments: 1. Replacement Sheet
2. New Figures